POLITICAL.

Review of the Situation.

Charge of His Campaign.

given it up. They have appealed to ment even the interest that must be him to come home from Washington paid on the debt. The government at once and take charge of his re- is now paying 34 per cent interest on election campaign. Indications point its loans. By the terms of this bill to a complete deadlock in the legisla- the railroad companies are not to pay ture. Mitchell has a certain number in any year a sum equal to 3 per cent of votes pledged to his return. These pledges will stand. But they are not enough to elect. The gold members will make a bitter fight. Sincere bimetallists cannot vote for Mitchell on it "interest," the debt is supposed to an equivocal platform.

If Senator Mitchell would offer the goldites the most profound assurances of the perfect slucerity of his conversion to the gold standard, they would not believe him. They have men of their own for material to make a Senator of that kind. Indeed but few of the goldite leaders but are secret aspirants to the senatorship. The fight in the legislature is narrowed down to a square fight between the advocates of the single-gold standard and bimetallism or government money instead of bond-holders and national bank money. The single-gold standard means contraction and government bonds. Already the corporations print in their waybills that freight must be paid in gold. It will be noticed that all the European money centers rejoice at the triumph of the gold standard. The foreign vote of the large cities went to McKinley. The Southern Pacific, and the other corporations, that collect revenues for foreign bondholders were all for the gold standard and want a gold standard senator from Oregon. The S. P. is for Mitchell for senator on two propositions: that he recant his free silver views and vote for the funding bill that will put hundreds of millions and release all government control over them. The latter proposition is more dangerous to the people than the former. They might in time elect fund.

is unlock the grip of the Pacific railway octopus on the people and on our institutions. The issue in the legislature is gold and corporate corruption against the people. How many of the representatives of the people will stand up for bimetallism and against the Wall-street gold-bond syndicate they so strenuously denounced when they went before the people last spring? How many will kneel in the dust and worship the golden calf and corporations on January 11 and abandon their principles?

THE JOURNAL believes it was Senator Mitchell's intention to secure his election to the Senate without compromising his silver views. THE JOURNAL believes if he could now secure votes enough to elect him at the hands of the bimetallists in the legislature he would go back and stand up for the people's interests of the gold conspiracy. On a plain issue, stripped of politics, tariff and other considerations, the people of the west will never vote for the gold standard, bond policy, as originated by Grever Cleveland.

The people of the west want gold, sliver and paper as national currency on equal terms without depending on the gold lords. The govrenment o the people must be on top or the Rothschild-Morgan syndicate will continue to dictate terms. There is the real question at issue. As far as the people of Oregon are concerned, this is the only issue in the election of a senator. Shall we maintain a people's government with sovereign power through congress over the financial system and corporations or shall the people abdicate in these great questions of public policy?

What will be the attitude of Senator Mitchell on the bill to refund the debts of the Pacific railroads that is, debts of the Pacific railroads that is to be voted on in the house of representatives on January 11th. This bill is of national importance. The debts the cost of maining only for a Pacific Control of Dr. Pierce's great 1008 page work, "Common Sense Medical Adviser." Every family should have a copy of this book for ready reference. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. V.

owed by these railroads to the government are now in round numbers \$120,-000,000, and the proposed bill is a thirly disguised scheme to relieve the railroads of the obligation to pay

Ought not Gregon representatives Senator Mitchell to Take Personal and senators help to prevent the passage of a measure so unfair to the government and so unfavorable to the people of the Pacific coast? The bill Senator Mitchell's managers have does not propose to give the governupon the debt. The payments were from 2.95 per cent on the debt to 1.27 per cent, but by calling a part of it "repayment of principal" and part of be "extinguished" in something less than 100 years. The government will each year have to make up a deficiency in interest unless current rates fall greatly, and at the end of the time will still have to pay the principal of the debt that the railroad companies have evaded.

The plea that the government must take this settlement or nothing is obviously false. Two years ago the promoters of the present bill offered the government 3 per cent interest and repayments to settle the indebte iness in 50 years-an offer which the 53rd congress rejected as unjust to the government. The net earnings of the Central Pacific for the past five years have, by its own reports, averaged above \$5,000,000 a year. The net earnings of the Union Pacific last year, by its own books, were \$4,735,000. The Southern Pacific Company as the lessee of the Central Pacific, is depreciating the value of the Central line as far as possible by diverting traffic to the Southern Pacific line, yet, eyen at this the net earnings of the road are now between \$4,000,000 and \$4,500, 000. The net earnings of the two roads under the present unfavorable conditions are about \$9,000,000 a year, which, after deductions for non-aided portions of the line, is sufficient to into the pockets of these corporations pay the present government rate of 31 per cent interest on the first mortgage debt, and the full government debt. and still leave something for a sinking

yours oy peaceful political and representatives in congress to oppose the present refunding scheme and any other plan of settlement that does not require the payment of the full amount owed the government by the Pacific railroads. If congress refuses to grant this unjust extension to these fraudulent debtors, the president will protect the interests of the government under the Thurman Act and the Pacific Railway Commission Act of 1887 by foreclosing the mortgage or by taking possession of the property. Such a course will result go at all, having recanted his silver in the double benefit of enabling the government to recover the money it his lips. He served the purpose of the



be saved in many ways. A man may commit suicide in a reat many ways. Shooting himself through the head quicker, but it is no more certain than neglecting his health. If a woman saw her husband with a pistol to his head, she would prompt and

to save him; but the same woman might see her husband on the down-grade to disease and death without seeing the seriousness of it. One-sixth of all the people who die, die of consumption. Consumption doesn't come all at once. It is insidious. The seeds of it are seemingly insignificant. Most people do not know how it starts. Thousands of people are on the road to con-sumption and don't know it. Whenever there is loss of flesh — paleness— wasting away—look out. Consumption easily finds a foot-hold in a weakened body. Low vitality, impure blood, imperfect digestion, nervousness, sleeplessness—all these lead to consump-

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Before Sentator Mitchell is elected the people should know where he stands on this question. As he may not be in Washington when this funding bill will go to the senate, if it shall pass the house, his views

should be known as soon as possible. The deliberate fraud practiced by the Republican politicians of Oregon last spring is bearing fruit in the disintegration of the party. That fraud was consummated by a secret combination to overthrow and defeat the two silver congressmen and senator Mitchell in the intesest of the gold obligarchy that has effected a protectorate over national Republicanism. Herman and Ellis were to be retired or defeated, and a gold-standard legislature to be chosen. This was carried so far by the gold-conspirators a to make an open fight on three prominant Mitchell bimetalists in Marion county, Barkley, Chapman, and Craig. But the plan failed on these men. By the loyalty of the silver Republicans Ellls was saved and a Republican legislature chosen. Thomas H. Topgue, if he hold his seat in congress, will be as completely a tool of the gold power as Cleveland or Carlisle, representing not much more than two-fifths of the people of winking silver men into voting for coinage. Ellis will also be revampe d if possible into a goldite, notwithstanding the fact that his district at any fair vote is two to one for sil-

ver. In the same way the silver sentiment of the state is to be suppressed in the election of a senator. If Senator Mitchell cannot be secretly revamped into a goldite he to be defeated. He will back as a senator from Oregon, if he views, and with a golden padlock on has lost and of breaking a monopoly conspirators to overthrow the popular will by deceiving a few hundred men in Oregon to vote the McKinley ticket on the delusive theory that he stood

> on a silver platform. What is the result of all this fraud? The popular will in Oregon is to be suppressed and the representative principle trodden under foot to gratify the hunger for spoils of a twenty years accumulation of office holders and office seekers. The man who will advocate gold or silver, Mitchell or Dolph, anything to get the coon, is the worst foe of popular government. Oregon is to be swung into the Wall street column. The gold aristocracy and corporation plutocracy are to fatten off the impoyerished producer. High interest, higher taxes, corruption of the representatives of the people is to prevail. The confidence of the masses in honest elections is undermined and destroyed if this outrageous style of politics succeeds.

If the seceret combination succeeds every vote of Oregon's senators and representatives will be cast in congress for gold standard, gold bonds, Pacific railway funding bill and the whole millionaire-making program, And how much will that benefit Oregon? Will Oregon command more respect in the eyes of the nation for the trlumph of rotten politics?

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